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The Honorable Chairman and Members of the Hawaii Public Utilities Commission 465 South King Street Kekuanaoa Building, Room 103 Honolulu, HI 96813

Attention: Stacey Kawasaki Djou, Esq.

Re:

Docket No. 2009-0108 - In the Matter of Public Utilities Commission Instituting a Proceeding to Investigate Proposed Amendments to the Framework for Integrated Resource Planning: Kauai Island Utility Cooperative's ("KIUC") Request for Extension of Time to File its Response to the National Regulatory Research Institute ("NRRI") Comments, dated November 3, 2009

Dear Commissioners and Commission Staff:

Pursuant to the Order Approving the Stipulated Procedural Order, as Modified, filed on September 23, 2009 ("Modified Procedural Order"), the Hawaii Public Utilities Commission ("Commission") modified the Parties' and Participant's 1 proposed Stipulated Procedural Order submitted on September 11, 2009 to, among other things, "allow the [C]ommission's consultant, [NRRI], additional time to provide comments [by November 3, 2009] and provide the Parties an opportunity to respond to these comments [by November 20, 2009.]" By this letter, KIUC respectfully requests Commission approval for an extension of time to December 2, 2009 to file its response to the NRRI Comments.<sup>2</sup>

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>1</sup> The parties in this proceeding are: (1) Hawaiian Electric Company, Inc.; (2) Hawaii Electric Light Company, Inc.; (3) Maui Electric Company, Limited; (4) KIUC; (5) the Department of Commerce and Consumer Affairs, Division of Consumer Advocacy; (6) the Department of Business, Economic Development, and Tourism; (7) County of Hawaii; (8) County of Maui; (9) County of Kauai; (10) Haiku Design and Analysis; (11) Hawaii Renewable Energy Alliance (12) Blue Planet Foundation (13) Hawaii Solar Energy Association; and (14) JW Marriott Ihilani Resort & Spa, Waikoloa Marriott Beach Resort & Spa, Maui Ocean Club, Wailea Marriott, and Essex House Condominium Corporation, on behalf of Kauai Marriott Resort & Beach Club (collectively, "Parties"). On October 26, 2009, the Commission issued an Order approving Forest City Hawaii Residential, Inc's request to amend its status as an Intervenor/party to a Participant.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>2</sup> In light of the Governor's Executive Order No. 09-10, dated November 3, 2009, it is KIUC's understanding that the due date or deadline for filing its response to the NRRI Comments is on November 23, 2009 rather than November 20, 2009.

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In light of scheduling conflicts and the continued heavy regulatory and operational workload presently affecting KIUC, KIUC needs additional time to fully analyze and address the new concepts and approach proposed by NRRI with respect to the Commission's existing Integrated Resource Planning Framework established in 1992 and the Clean Energy Scenario Planning process being examined in this proceeding, and how these new concepts and approach may or will affect KIUC as an electric cooperative. If allowed the additional time, it is KIUC's hope that its response to the NRRI comments would be helpful and useful to the Commission, the Parties and Participant in addressing issues established in this proceeding in general, and specifically pertaining to electric cooperatives.

If you should have any questions, please do not hesitate to contact the undersigned. Thank you for your consideration.

Very truly yours,

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